

# A Survey of Articles in the *Newsletter of the EMS* about the History and Activities of Full Member Societies of the EMS (Issue 1, September 1991 – Issue 104, June 2017)

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The architecture of the European Mathematical Society allows for individual and corporate members; in the latter category, there is a sub-category of “full members” that is made up of mathematical societies of the various countries of the European continent (plus Israel).

Full member societies have had a presence in the *Newsletter of the EMS* since its very first issue, with information articles about their history and activities. These are not just short announcements of their current initiatives (which are also regularly provided) but also short papers (typically 1–3 pages long) describing something of their history as well as their most important past and current activities.

Unfortunately, in spite of the existence of open access to all *Newsletter* issues on the webpage of the EMS Pub-

lishing House ([http://www.ems-ph.org/journals/all\\_issues.php?issn=1027-488X](http://www.ems-ph.org/journals/all_issues.php?issn=1027-488X)), it is not exactly easy to check for published articles about EMS full members. In order to have a clearer idea of what has been published and so to be able to plan future actions, the Editorial Board of the *Newsletter* has recently compiled a survey of that information. We believe this survey may also be of interest to all EMS members and to the general readership of the *Newsletter*, as it provides a direct pointer to reliable published information about mathematical societies in Europe that can be difficult to obtain otherwise. In Table 1, we present the results of the survey. As part of Editorial Board duties, in due time and according to the planned Editorial Board policy, societies that have not yet been covered in the Newsletter will be asked to contribute.

Survey<sup>1,2</sup> of articles about EMS full member<sup>3</sup> societies published in the *Newsletter* up to issue 104

Name of Society	Country	Founding Date	Published in	
			Issue	Date
Armenian Mathematical Union	Armenia	1901		
Association for Mathematics Applied to Economics and Social Sciences	Italy	1976	96	06 / 2015
Association of Mathematicians of Republic of Macedonia	Macedonia			
Austrian Mathematical Society	Austria	1903		
Belarusian Mathematical Society	Belarus			
Belgian Mathematical Society	Belgium	1921	29 80	09 / 1998 06 / 2011
Bosnian Mathematical Society	Bosnia			
Catalan Mathematical Society	Spain	1931	93	09 / 2014
Croatian Mathematical Society	Croatia			
Cyprus Mathematical Society	Cyprus	1983	66	12 / 2007

<sup>1</sup> Information about the founding date of some societies could not be obtained from the data in the EMS webpage and archives. We thank Elvira Hyvönen, secretary of the EMS, her help in procuring this information.

<sup>2</sup> We apologize for any omission or error and thank in advance all readers that care to send us corrections.

<sup>3</sup> To the best of our knowledge all Societies in the table were full members at the time of the published article. Some may have ceased to be so in the meantime.

## Societies

Czech Mathematical Society (Union of Czechs Mathematicians & Physicists)	Czech Republic	1862	1	09 / 1991
			43	03 / 2002
			85	09 / 2012
Danish Mathematical Society	Denmark	1873	35	03 / 2000
			88	06 / 2013
Edinburgh Mathematical Society	UK	1883	33	09 / 1999
			74	12 / 2009
Estonian Mathematical Society	Estonia	1926	41	09 / 2001
Finnish Mathematical Society	Finland	1868	9	09 / 1993
			32	06 / 1999
French Statistical Society	France	1997		
German Mathematical Society	Germany	1890	29	09 / 1998
			82	12 / 2011
Georgian Mathematical Union	Georgia	1923		
Hellenic Mathematical Society	Greece	1918	45	09 / 2002
Icelandic Mathematical Society	Iceland	1947		
Institute of Mathematics and its Applications	UK	1964	91	03 / 2014
Irish Mathematical Society	Ireland	1976	2	12 / 1991
			94	12 / 2014
Israel Mathematical Union	Israel		47	03 / 2003
Italian Mathematical Union	Italy	1922	38	12 / 2000
Janos Bolyai Mathematical Society	Hungary	1891	59	03 / 2006
Kharkov Mathematical Society	Ukraine	1879	34	12 / 1999
Kosovar Mathematical Society	Kosovo	2008		
Latvian Mathematical Society	Latvia	1993	48	06 / 2003
Lithuanian Mathematical Society	Lithuania	1962		
London Mathematical Society	UK	1865	31	03 / 1999
			37	09 / 2000
			99	03 / 2016
			103	03 / 2017
Luxembourg Mathematical Society	Luxembourg	1988	34	12 / 1999
Malta Mathematical Society	Malta			
Mathematical Society of France	France	1872	40	06 / 2001
Mathematical Society of Serbia	Serbia	1948		
Mathematical Society of the Republic of Moldova	Moldova	1950s		
Moscow Mathematical Society	Russia	1864	50	12 / 2003
			51	03 / 2004
Norwegian Mathematical Society	Norway	1918	41	09 / 2001
Norwegian Statistical Association	Norway	1919		
Polish Mathematical Society	Poland	1919	32	06 / 1999
			54	12 / 2004
Portuguese Mathematical Society	Portugal	1940	46	12 / 2002
			98	12 / 2015
Romanian Mathematical Society	Romania	1910	40	06 / 2001
			77	09 / 2010
Royal Dutch Mathematical Society	Netherlands	1778	35	03 / 2000
Royal Spanish Mathematical Society	Spain	1911		
Slovak Mathematical Society	Slovakia			
Società Italiana di Matematica Applicata e Industriale	Italy	1989		
Société de Mathématiques Appliquées et Industrielles	France	1983	6	12 / 1992
			40	06 / 2001
Society of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics	Germany	1922		
Society of Mathematicians and Physicists of Montenegro	Montenegro	1947		

Society of Mathematicians, Physicists and Astronomers of Slovenia	Slovenia	1949	47	03 / 2003
Spanish Society of Applied Mathematics	Spain	1991		
Spanish Society of Statistics and Operations Research	Spain	1962		
St. Petersburg Mathematical Society	Russia	1890	10	12 / 1993
Swedish Mathematical Society	Sweden	1950		
Swiss Mathematical Society	Switzerland	1910	33	09 / 1999
Turkish Mathematical Society	Turkey	1948		
Ukrainian Mathematical Society	Ukraine			
Union of Bulgarian Mathematicians	Bulgaria	1898	6	12 / 1992
			31	03 / 1999

## ICMI Column

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*In the most recent issue of the ICMI Newsletter (March 2017), a double editorial was published from the new president Jill Adler and the former president Ferdinando Arzarello. With their authorisation, we re-publish this double editorial here today.*

### From the desk of the ICMI President Jill Adler



Four years ago, the immediate past president Ferdinando Arzarello wrote from the desk of the ICMI president about the multiple needs mathematics education must serve, where all should have opportunity not only for mathematical literacy but also the adventures of mathematics itself. He drew on the 2012 UNESCO booklet on basic mathematics education written a

few years ago mainly by ICMI past president Michele Artigue, assisted by other colleagues in the ICMI. We are pleased to announce this has recently been translated into Portuguese, thanks to the work of ICMI executive committee member at large Yuriko Baldin (<http://www.sbm.org.br/?s=desafios+do+ensino>). The description of basic mathematics in the booklet highlights the multiple demands on mathematics education and so the need for reform in mathematics in schools, across all levels. In a globalising world, we understand our cultural diversity and the dangers of domination and alienation up ahead for any consideration of common curricula or what is quality teaching and learning of mathematics.

The ICMI launched two studies in response to these challenges. Study 23 on primary mathematics, co-chaired by Maria Bartonini Bussi (Italy) and Xuhua Sun (China), is the first study devoted to early learning and its study volume is almost ready for printing and dissemination. ICMI Study 24, entitled ‘School Mathematics Curriculum

Reforms: Challenges and Changes’, has just been launched, with Renuka Vithal (South Africa) and Yoshi Shimizu (Japan) as the two co-chairs. The International Programme Committee has been finalised and will meet later this year to develop the discussion document that will frame its study conference in 2018. This is a strategic moment for the ICMI to collect, analyse, synthesise and then communicate our collective research and practical wisdom in school mathematics curriculum reform. As the new ICMI executive committee prepares for its first meeting in June this year, a key agenda item will be the ongoing support for Study 24, followed by an initial discussion of what might be our next study, and so some considered directions in which to further grow the organisation and its influence.

With these introductory comments, I hope I have illustrated the continuity and growth that now define the organisation, as one executive committee and its new president take over from another. Thus, accompanying this introductory message from the new president is a farewell letter from Ferdinando Arzarello. In this, he describes the developments and progress in the ICMI during his presidency and I take this opportunity, on our collective behalf, to thank Ferdinando and his executive committee for all their work. I will not refer again here to the ongoing continuous work of the ICMI. I will only say that being elected as the president of the ICMI is an immense honour, especially at a time when the organisation is so strong and where a critical component of our strength is our collaborative and increasingly productive relationship with the IMU and the global community of mathematicians.

I will use this opportunity for my first communication with our ICMI community to convey my greetings to you all, each and every participant in all ICMI activities, and to invite you all to participate with me and the new executive committee in ongoing communication about our work – past, present and future.